GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF DRUGS COVERED UNDER DRUG CONTROL
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has requested his Ministry to reduce the number of drugs covered under drug control;

(b) if so, the measures taken by the Government to check the prices of the medicines covered under drug control; and

(c) the provisions made to maintain the quality of the medicines in case of lower prices and the salient features of those provisions?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply (a), as above.

(c) The quality parameters as well as requirements of Good Manufacturing Practices (GMPs) etc. are laid down under the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules (administered by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare) which are to be uniformly followed by all iincesed drug manufacturers in the country irrespective of the prices of the drugs marketed by them.